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BRAC guidance

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LeMay In-Brief

All Shaw personnel are invited to support the 20th Services Squadron at the LeMay In-Brief today at 8:30 a.m. at Club Shaw. Free refreshments will be served.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Terry Hamilton will turn over command of the 20th Medical Support Squadron to Lt. Col. D. Troy Molnar at 10 a.m. Monday in the Conference Center.

Lt. Col. Donnalee Sykes will relinquish command of the 20th Medical Operations Squadron to Maj. Gianna R. Zeh at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Conference Center.

Promotion ceremony

The monthly wing promotion ceremony is set for June 28 at 3 p.m. at Club Shaw.

Weekend Weather

Saturday



AM t-storms
High: 82
Low: 65

Sunday



PM t-storms
High: 86
Low: 66

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Airman 1st Class Susan Penning

Cool moves

William, son of Lisa, 20th Services Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. William Staniec, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron, cools off Wednesday at Lakeside Pool.

20th OG gets new commander

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

The 20th Operations Group received a new group commander in a change of command ceremony May 27.

Col. Joel E. Malone took command from Col. Robert Beletic, who is now the Air Combat Command Commander's Action Group director at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Born in Savannah, Ga., Col. Malone graduated from Texas A & M University and joined the Air Force in 1982. He is married to Sandy and they have three children: Jennifer, Michael and Ashlee.

Prior to coming to Shaw, Col. Malone was the 414th Combat Training Squadron (Red Flag) commander at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. He said that was the opportunity of a lifetime.

"I witnessed hundreds of operational units train at the most intense operational air combat training exercises," he said.

The colonel said being the com-

mander at Red Flag gave him insight on current and effective tactics for every aircraft existing in the United States inventory and those of coalition partners.

His other assignments include operations officer and commander of the 13th Fighter Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan, and Director of Requirements F-16 program manager at the Pentagon.

Additionally, the colonel was stationed at Shaw from 1985 to 1988 with the 19th Fighter Squadron as a pilot.

"We were very excited to receive word we would be returning to Shaw," said Col. Malone.

He also said numerous changes have been made on base and in the Sumter community since 1988.

He noted multiple buildings from the World War II era are now replaced with what he considers more efficient and more beautiful ones on base. In the community, he noticed restaurants that weren't here 16 years ago.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash

"We're looking forward to enjoying all of them and meeting our neighbors and friends in the community and at Shaw," he said.

Col. Malone intends to continue the same leadership principles as those set by Col. Sam Angelella, 20th Fighter Wing commander, and Col. Beletic.

"It was evident from my first day at Shaw that the 20th FW is a fixture at the very tip of the spear for our nation's defense," said Col. Malone.



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20th SVS competes for LeMay Award

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The 20th Services Squadron is contending for the Air Force's General Curtis LeMay Award today, Saturday and Monday. This award recognizes the best overall services unit at a large base.

In April, the 20th SVS was chosen to represent Air Combat Command in the competition. Now, the squadron is vying for the Air Force title, which will be presented at a conference in September.

Mr. J. Stan Bailey, 20th SVS marketing office director, said he was pleased when they won for ACC.

"I was proud of everyone in Services, knowing we came together as a team to prove we are the best services squadron in the Air Force," he said.

According to Mr. Bailey, the 20th SVS last received the LeMay Award in the mid-80s.

Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Curran, 20th SVS superintendent, said the squadron's assistance encompasses all age groups.

"We take care of the entire military community here, from the youngest child to retirees," he said.

The squadron makes many recreational and educational programs available.

The Shaw Lanes bowling center has a \$92,000 auto scoring system and a \$24,000 lane machine with numerous leagues established, and the Wateree Recreational Center added \$3,000 of playground equipment and boats.

The Base Library, recipient of the 2004 ACC Services Flight and Program Award, was recently

renovated and upgraded to include 13 online data bases and remote access to increase research capabilities.

Though educational and recreational programs are niceties, the 20th SVS also takes care of the basic needs like food and shelter.

The Chief Master Sgt. Emerson E. Williams Dining Facility, winner of the 2004 ACC Food Service Excellence Award, has more than \$350,000 of new equipment. Upgrades were also accomplished in the Carolina Pines Lodging rooms, from new carpets and wallpaper to window treatments and lamps.

Chief Curran said they have a dedicated staff and great support from the base and the local community.

"We thank our customers, because without them we would not have a job," he said.



20th Security Forces Squadron Blotter

(Editor's note: The blotter includes incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase awareness of resource protection and safety concerns.)

■ An Airman was involved in a motorcycle accident off base.

■ Airmen were charged with Driving Under the Influence.

■ Family member dependents were charged with shoplifting from the BX.

■ An Airman and his wife were involved in a

verbal altercation at their base housing residence.

■ Security Forces responded to six incidents regarding damage to private property.

■ Security Forces responded to eight vehicle accidents.

■ There were 44 traffic tickets issued during the week.

In case of emergency, call **911**. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th SFS at **895-3670**. If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at **895-3600**.

Traffic Tips

When buying a new battery, make sure it is recommended for your vehicle by checking your owner's manual. Also, every time you change your oil you should check the battery for damages such as cracks, corrosive materials and loose wires. Inspect your jumper cables to ensure they're free of rust and corrosion and have no exposed wires. Finally, never throw an automobile battery in a garbage dumpster or leave it in a parking lot unattended, especially if it is cracked or damaged. Take it to a service station and have it disposed of properly.

Question Corner ?

Question: Who and in what year was the fifth chief of staff of the Air Force appointed to the position?

Answer to last week's question: The sum of 1776 (the year of America's independence) is 21. Therefore, 21 guns are fired in a 21-gun salute.

Last week's winner: Airman 1st Class Matthew Ciampa, 28th Operational Weather Squadron

The first person to e-mail *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil with the correct answer will get their name in next week's paper.



DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 8 days

Last unit:: 20th AMXS

2004 total: 24

2003 total: 28

(As of Wednesday)

Punishment: Military members who receive a DUI/DWI are subject to: reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay and base driving privileges, extra duty, Article 15 actions and more.

AADD
Past week's saves: 29

Shaw's Airmen Against Drunk Driving offer free, confidential rides back to base for members who are intoxicated. For a ride, call **983-9722**.

Dalton retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Dalton, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, is retiring after 22 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw eight years.

The New Martinsville, W.Va., native and his wife, Helen, have four children, Chris, Amber, Britt and Ryan. After retirement, Sgt. Dalton plans to live in Columbia, S.C., and work as a community manager.

The ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center's multipurpose room.

Algoe retirement

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Algoe, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is retiring after 20 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw one year.

The Perry, Ga., native and his wife, Amy, have two children, Jackson and Emma. After retirement, Sgt. Algoe plans to enter civil service at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday at noon in Hangar 1614.

Fowlkes retirement

Master Sgt. James Fowlkes Jr., 20th Fighter Wing, is retiring after 24 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw seven years.

The Smoaks, S.C., native has two daughters, Camilla and Tiffany. After retirement, Sgt. Fowlkes plans to find employment and settle in the local area.

The ceremony is scheduled for June 11 at 2 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Volunteer of the Month

Bernice Whitney



Mrs. Whitney, wife of Capt. Patrick Whitney, 77th Fighter Squadron, is an American Red Cross volunteer. The station manager volunteers at least 12 hours each week, and said she likes giving back to the community and sharing her time and talents with those who need them. "I enjoy volunteering because I am helping people, it keeps my skills sharp and keeps me busy," said Mrs. Whitney.

In her own words: "Treat others as you would have them treat you."

Juneteenth Celebration

The Shaw Black Heritage Committee is co-hosting an event in celebration of Juneteenth, the day the last slaves in Texas learned they were free. It is scheduled for June 19 from

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Solomon's Kitchen at 369 Manning Ave. in Sumter. Various outdoor activities will be held and there will be vendors from Sumter, Columbia, Florence and surrounding areas. Admission is free. To purchase a t-shirt, call Abe Abron at **895-3034**. For more information, call Shonda English at **934-1057**.

Air Force officials approve force shaping Phase II

WASHINGTON -- As personnel officials review the last remaining applications for retirement or separation under the force-shaping program, a more extensive second phase of the plan has begun.

The new initiatives include expanded waivers for a number of programs including active-duty service commitments. It also includes the return of the career job reservation program. The CJR program limits re-enlistments into the career force by constraining Air Force specialties for some first-term Airmen, officials said.

"The Air Force is giving junior Airmen the opportunity to go into the Reserve or Guard," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Lee, 20th Mission Support Squadron separations and retirements superintendent.

In addition, Phase II requires commanders to consider a number of quality-force factors when considering Airmen for retention. Those include correctional custody, referral reports, unfavorable information files, Article 15 action, control roster restrictions, confinement, alcohol- or drug-related offenses, and financial irresponsibility or mismanagement.

The initial goal of force shaping was to have 16,600 Airmen leave the Air Force: 3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted. Those numbers are projected to increase to almost 19,000 by Sept. 30, and to 24,000 by Sept. 30, 2005, because of record retention rates.

"Incredibly high retention and a slow recovering

economy are the primary factors in the increase of personnel overages," said Col. Mike Hayden, chief of the military policy division at the Pentagon. "Retention rates in the Air Force are at their highest in a decade."

Phase I required individuals to have a minimum of 24 months on active duty before applying to Palace Chase. Phase II dropped the minimum requirement to 12 months.

Further, the active-duty service commitment following a permanent change of station in Phase I could be waived up to 18 months. Phase II allows for a full waiver of the commitment, officials said.

Those colonels and lieutenant colonels who would like to retire but who do not have the three-years time in grade previously required to do so are also in luck, officials said. Phase II reduces the minimum mandatory time in grade to two years for a limited number of eligible people.

The CJR program has returned for the first time since 1999. It serves a two-fold purpose, Col. Hayden said, helping draw down the force and balance career field numbers at the same time.

"Now is a good time to use this tool again," Col. Hayden said. "Airmen in overage career fields, coming up on their first re-enlistment, are offered an opportunity to retrain into a shortage career field. If they choose not to retrain, they have the opportunity to transfer to Palace Chase, apply for civil service, join the Army or separate."

"In Phase II, we have more flexibility in managing each (career field) by year group than we had in Phase I," said Maj. Gen. John Spiegel, director of personnel policy at the Pentagon. "We will consider applications according to the manning health of the member's specialty by both the year group and the grade (for officers) or skill level (for enlisted)."

Due to this change, a greater percentage of applications will be approved in Phase II, officials said.

Additionally, as part of Phase II, enlisted accessions will drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end-strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005. Thus, about 24,000 new recruits will join the Air Force rather than 35,000 as originally planned, officials said.

"This accession cut would occur for one year only," said Maj. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, director of learning and force development at the Pentagon. "Then we will resume normal accession rates."

Force shaping briefings for Shaw members are scheduled to be held at the Base Theater Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

"Some members may think the program doesn't affect them when it really does," said Sgt. Lee. "All personnel are highly encouraged to attend the briefings to get more details. Phase II is broader than the first phase and will impact more people."

For more information on force shaping, contact the military personnel flight at **895-1595**. (*Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash contributed to this article.*)



Program seeks foreign skills experts

WASHINGTON -- People with international skills are becoming more valuable to many organizations, and the Air Force is no exception.

The foreign area officer program develops line officers with certain skills used by the Department of Defense in positions where they are needed, said Lt. Col. Mike Nolta, chief of the FAO program.

"DOD [officials] directed all services to develop this program ... to develop officers who have international skills in foreign language proficiencies, cultural understanding, regional specialization understanding and some in-country experience," Col. Nolta said.

This development begins when officers identify self-obtained international skills, the colonel said. Sometimes these skills come from heritage, like growing up speaking the language, or from a combination of college studies and an opportunity to live at an overseas location where those skills were polished.

Other opportunities, such as regional studies seminars, are also available. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

Total force increases combat effectiveness

WASHINGTON -- Active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists working together to support the Air Force mission in a war zone such as Iraq or Afghanistan is not unusual.

However, in a concept being studied at the Air Warfare Center, Airmen from all components will work together supporting the Air Force's RQ/MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle mission at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The move is the latest by Air Force officials to increase combat effectiveness by leveraging one unit's capabilities off another's. While the overall concept is called future total force, implementation still defies definition, said the Air Force director of strategic planning.

"You can call them blended, integrated, merged, affiliated, associated or even partnered units," said Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Bath. "This is about change -- looking to the future and transformation." *(Brief courtesy of AFPN.)*

Officials approve wear of expeditionary medal

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Air Force officials have authorized wear of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal which was approved by President Bush in 2003.

The Department of Defense campaign medal applies to active-duty, Reserve and Guard service-members deployed abroad on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

"The criterion is clear, so members who believe they are eligible can begin wearing it," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, superintendent of the Air Force Personnel Center's recognition programs branch.

To qualify, a recipient must have been attached to a unit in OEF or OIF and served 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in specific geographic areas.

The medal will only be awarded once, regardless of how many times an individual returns to serve in OEF or OIF. There are no service stars or other devices authorized; however, battle stars may be authorized for service members who engaged in actual combat. The medal follows the Kosovo campaign medal in precedence and can be viewed at www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/200303134a.jpg.

The medal will be issued by local military personnel flights when it becomes available and will also be available through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service later this year.

For more information, contact Shaw's MPF at **895-1596**, Shaw's Military Clothing Sales at **895-1307**, or the Air Force Contact Center at **(800) 616-3775**. *(Brief courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center.)*